

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2007 - SB 2162

March 15, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the “AAR,” the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation’s (TBI) database for animal abuser registration information. Defines “animal abuser”, “animal abuse offense”, and “conviction” relative to the AAR. Establishes the procedure by which an abuser, convicted in Tennessee or another state, must register with law enforcement agencies and the TBI. Specifies the information required on the TBI registration form. Specifies TBI requirements for photographing and disseminating information about the abuser. Requires an initial registration fee of \$275, which may be waived in certain circumstances. Requires the registering law enforcement agency to retain \$25 of the fee.

Requires the TBI to maintain a connection to the AAR for all criminal justice agencies with Tennessee Information Enforcement System (TIES) internet capabilities to enable registering agencies to enter abuser registration data.

Requires TBI to place AAR information on the Bureau’s website as public information.
Establishes which information is considered public information.

Establishes procedures regarding TBI’s receipt of an abuser’s request for termination of active supervision on probation, parole, or any other alternative to incarceration. Classifies as a Class E felony, punishable by fine only, the failure of an abuser to timely register; falsification of TBI registration form; failure to timely disclose required information; failure to sign a TBI registration form; failure to pay the registration fee or annual administrative costs, if financially able; failure to timely report to the designated law enforcement agency upon release after reincarceration; and failure to timely report when the abuser moves to another state. Requires TBI to remove all data pertaining to a deceased abuser.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000/One-Time
\$5,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Based on information previously received from the TBI, the Bureau will add the AAR to the existing Sex Offender Registry. The cost to modify the existing software will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$12,000.

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- The Bureau will purchase supplies, including creating and distributing the registry forms, resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$8,000.
- TBI will advertise the AAR system during FY14-15, resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,000.
- TBI will maintain the system, host the toll-free telephone number, and purchase yearly supplies, resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$5,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is \$25,000 (\$12,000 + \$8,000 + \$5,000).
- According to the Department of Correction, there were no admissions for aggravated cruelty of animals during the past 10 years. As a result, any increase in state and local fee revenue as a result of court cost collections will not be significant.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study of incarceration costs and fines, collection of fines for felony offenders is negligible. There will not be a significant increase in state revenue as a result.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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